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Please replace the paragraph on page 12 line 29 with the following amended paragraph:

-- Figure 1:

Comparison of the amino acid sequence of human/rat corticotropin-releasing factor (h/rCRF) (SEQ ID NO: 2) with ovine corticotropin-releasing factor (oCRF) (SEQ ID NO: 3), rat urocortin (rUcn) (SEQ ID NO: 4), sauvagine (Svg) (SEQ ID NO: 5), and astressin (SEQ ID NO: 6). Identical amino acids are shaded. --

~~AA~~ Please insert the Sequence Listing enclosed herewith immediately after the abstract.

In the Claims:

Please replace claim 3 with the following amended claim 3:

Claim 3(amended)

-- The antagonist of claim 2 comprising the amino acid sequence Xaa<sub>1</sub>-Xaa<sub>2</sub>-Leu-Leu-Arg-Lys-Met-Ile-Glu-Ile-Glu-Lys-Gln-Glu-Lys-Glu-Lys-Gln-Gln-Ala-Ala-Asn-Asn-Arg-Leu-Leu-Leu-Asp-Thr-Ile-NH<sub>2</sub> (SEQ ID NO: 1), wherein Xaa<sub>1</sub> is a neutral amino acid, and Xaa<sub>2</sub> is a charged amino acid.

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